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## Governor Addresses '65' Council on Jobless Pay, Compensation

# Labor Backs Harriman Fight To Improve Worker Benefits

NEW YORK CITY—Governor Averell Harriman is personally rallying the support of trade unionists in the State for vital changes in "loaded" unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation bills vetoed by him at the last session of the Legislature.

A special session of the Republican-controlled body, called by the Governor, was to begin on Monday, June 10, to consider improving benefits without the "booby traps" which Harriman and organized labor have denounced.

In New York City on June 3 to attend an AFL-CIO rally for support of his program on that legislation, Gov. Harriman appeared later at District 65's General Council meeting taking place the same night. On the Council's agenda were the same issues that had brought the Governor to town from Albany.

There, '65' Pres. David Livingston presented Gov. Harriman with the first installment of 10,000 signatures of 65ers on AFL-CIO petitions congratulating him for his veto last month of the "vicious" bills, and urging him to stand fast for changes to eliminate the "strings" that would deprive thousands of workers of benefits intended by the original laws.

Explaining that the petitions had been circulated among the '65' membership only during three preceding working days, Livingston in his presentation to the Governor pledged that 20,000 additional signatures would be gotten by the end of the week. Petitions bearing 100,000 names had been presented at the City AFL-CIO rally attended earlier by the Governor and Mayor Wagner.

### "Fightingest Governor"

Livingston introduced Harriman as "the fightingest and best Governor New York has ever had," and the 900 Council delegates gave him a standing ovation. The president promised a typically solid '65' delegation to Albany on June 12 to exert pressure on legislators to support the Governor's program.

Pointing out that New York has always been in the forefront of progressive labor legislation, Governor Harriman declared that "it's got to stay that way."

He referred to the 130-plus Republican legislators whose votes must be changed if the laws are to give the needed social insurance to the State's workers. "They're trying to get you to buy retrogressive legislation by putting sugar-coating on it," he told the Council delegates. He accused the Republican leadership of using the "technique of the big lie" to misrepresent his position on the bills.

## Reuther Charges 'Rigged Inflation'

# Prices Up Again to All-Time High

WASHINGTON (PAI)—A new boost in the cost of living to an all-time high, a drop in spendable earnings for factory production workers, and a five-month stalemate on factory hourly rates have again re-opened the inflation battle with organized labor sounding new warnings against "rigged" priced boosts.

The rise in the cost of living to an index of 119.3 or almost 4 percent higher than it was a year ago was particularly marked in food, transportation and medical care. More significantly, there were predictions at the Bureau of Labor Statistics that the housewife is likely to meet with more increases in the cost of living, at least through July.

The boost in the Consumers Price Index means that approximately 1,400,000 workers will benefit from escalator clauses to the tune of 2-cents an hour. But, as labor leadership has repeatedly pointed out, this doesn't mean a wage boost. It means that the workers involved are merely holding their own.

On the other hand, the boost in living costs was an important factor in pulling down spendable earnings of millions of other workers. Factory production workers, for example, lost roughly 23 cents a week take-home pay through a combina-



Signatures of 10,000 members testify to solid support given by RWDSU's District 65 to Governor's program on social insurance bills. Left to right, '65' Pres. David Livingston, N. Y. Industrial Comm. Isador Lubin and Gov. Averell Harriman.

In Governor Harriman's party on his visit to the District 65 Center were Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin, Deputy Industrial Commissioners Charles E. Hughes and James Sweeney; Morris

Iushewitz, Sec. Treas. of the New York City CIO Council; Deputy State Athletic Commissioner Joseph Tepper, and Leon Climenko, Executive Assistant to the Industrial Commissioner.

## Facts on the Bills

Two bills, one on unemployment insurance and one on workmen's compensation, were rushed through the Republican-controlled New York State Legislature in the closing days of the last session. The bills were sugar-coated with some increases in benefits, but contained dangerous changes which outweighed the improvements.

Under the unemployment insurance bill, there would be no increase at all for the worker earning less than \$73 a week; and a worker would get the \$45 maximum only if he made \$100 or

more. Bigger companies would get tax breaks at the expense of smaller, seasonal industries. The law would make it easier for a worker to be disqualified if he voluntarily quits his job, refuses a job, is fired for misconduct or loses work because of strikes or lockouts.

The workmen's compensation law would make it easier for the insurance companies to tie up workers in miles of legal red tape in the courts—perhaps for years—before they could collect a penny of benefits.

tion of higher living costs and a shorter work week. This is roughly a loss of spendable earnings at a rate of some \$51,000,000 a year. It was the second month in a row that spendable earnings have dropped, factory production workers losing 17 cents an hour during March.

In addition, factory workers have been on an hourly rate level of \$2.05 for the past five months with little indication that the rate will improve much.

The advance in the cost of living has brought renewed newspaper talk of the wage and price "spiral." The Wall Street Journal in its report on the cost of living said that "largely as a result of increased wages, some industries are warning prices must go up to meet the increased wage costs."

This kind of talk is bringing hard

labor opposition. In an unusually sharp statement Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the United Automobile Workers accused the bigger corporations of deliberately raising prices.

"Each month," Reuther continued, "we are exposed to the spectacle of organized avarice as the corporations pile price increase on price increase. No secret has been made of the fact that the steel industry intends to increase basic steel prices by a substantial amount in the next few months, despite the fact that steel production is running at less than 90 percent of capacity."

Reuther reiterated demands for a sweeping investigation into prices, particularly in automobiles, and expressed the hope that an investigation into price boosts in the "administered price" industries would begin as soon as possible.

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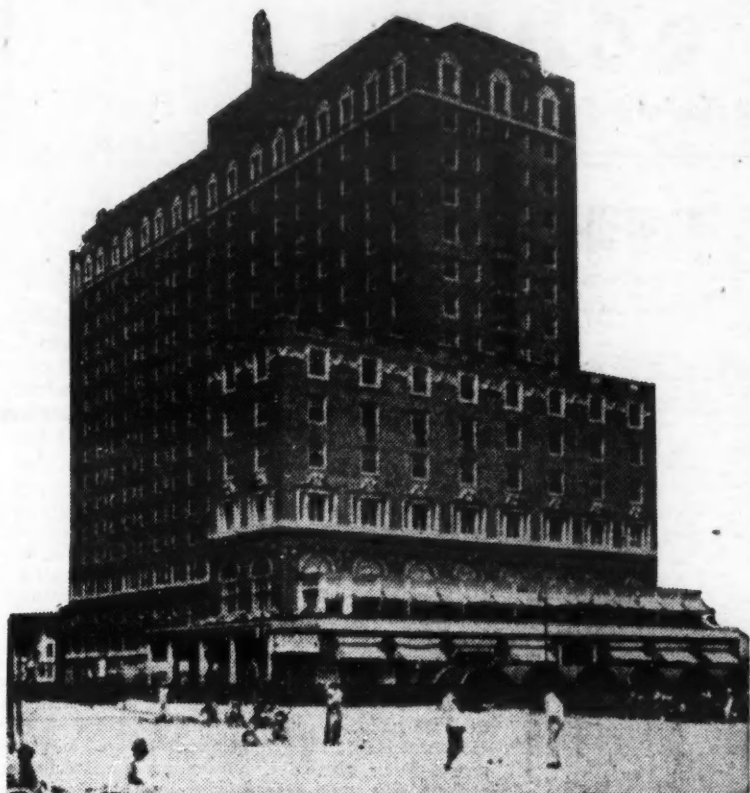
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Ritz Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City, to be site of General Council meeting.

## Council of RWDSU Meets June 11 in Atlantic City

The third annual meeting of the Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union's General Council was scheduled to begin Tuesday, June 11 in Atlantic City, N. J., scene of the union's historic 1954 merger convention. Appropriately, the main business of the Council meeting was to prepare for the next convention of the International union, to be held just a year from now in Chicago.

Preceding the three-day Council meeting will be a one-day meeting of the RWDSU Executive Board, to be held Monday, June 10. The Board is slated to act on the agenda and reports to be presented to the Council.

Pres. Max Greenberg will chair both the Board and Council meetings. As at previous Council sessions, his report on the State of the Union will kick off three days of intensive analysis of the past year's activities, and programming of the next year's operation.

### Area, Local Reports to be Heard

The 100 Council members were also to participate in detailed area reports. These are led off by general reports by the area and regional directors, and are followed up by specific local reports by the Council members. In addition, the Council was to hear reports on their respective activities by the other International officers: Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps, Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, and Executive Vice-Presidents Arthur Osman, Alex Bail and Sam Kovenetsky, as well as a report by Record Editor Max Steinböck.

Several distinguished guests will also make brief speeches during the Council sessions. Among those expected to attend are Dr. Mason Gross, chairman of the New Jersey Mediation Board, Pres. Paul Krebs of the New Jersey CIO Council, and Al Whitehouse, director of the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Department. The meeting will take place at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

Among the matters to be discussed by the Council are reports on union finances, the RWDSU Staff Retirement Plan, the RWDSU Health Benefit Plan, the International union's research and education work, The Record, the union's legislative and COPE programs, as well as such important subjects as organizing and collective bargaining.

### Convention Plans on Agenda

Concrete plans to get the entire union into the best possible shape for next June's Chicago convention will be a major topic, as will discussion on possible constitutional changes at the convention.

The General Council is the RWDSU's top policy-making body between conventions. It is composed of the six top officers, 30 Executive Board members, and 64 Council members who represent every major local and area of the union. The Council meets annually and is empowered to review all decisions of the Executive Board, which meets three times a year.



Pres. MAX GREENBERG  
To Chair General  
Council Meeting

## AFL-CIO Council Asks Congress Pass Overdue Legislation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The AFL-CIO Executive Council called on Congress to step up its pace and enact major legislation vitally needed for the nation's welfare. In six separate actions, the Council:

1. Again asked for enactment of "long overdue" legislation extending the protection of the wage-hour law to "millions more" than the 2.5 million workers who would be covered by an Administration bill.

2. Deplored Congress' "meat-ax approach" to the budget, declaring "we cannot let preoccupation with economy blind us to our very real responsibilities" and urged that each portion "be considered on its merits."

3. Renewed its call for passage of the Douglas-Murray-Ives bill requiring complete disclosure of the financial details of workers' health, welfare and pension plans.

4. Urged Congress "to meet its obligation to America's children" by speedy passage of the compromise federal aid to school construction bill, without crippling amendments.

5. Called on Congress "once and for all to break the civil rights roadblock."

The Council's position on each piece of legislation follows, in greater detail:

**THE BUDGET:** A \$72 billion budget is "huge indeed," the Executive Council conceded, "but so are our responsibilities and our capabilities." If that much must be spent to meet all obligations, it continued, "then the American people must be, and in our judgment are, prepared to support such expenditures."

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND PENSION PLANS:** The Executive Council expressed pleasure that the Senate Labor Subcommittee will soon begin hearings on the Douglas-Murray-Ives bill. The measure requires complete disclosure of the financial details of health, welfare and pension plan operations, and imposes criminal penalties for embezzlement from such plans.

"The labor movement has long warned of abuses such as those bared by the Douglas subcommittee, in the 84th Congress. These abuses should be and must be corrected. These funds are legitimately the property of working people. Thefts, kick-backs and unjustified commissions paid from the assets of these plans can only be classified as 'robbery'."

**MINIMUM WAGES:** Administration proposals for extended coverage of the minimum wage and hour provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act were denounced as "grossly inadequate" and "disappointing" because they except the hours provisions, "in clear contradiction of campaign promises."

"The protection of both the wage and hours provisions of the act should be extended to many millions more than the 2.5 million which the Administration would cover," the Executive Council said.

"These working people, who are at the

### Senate Action Due on Coverage

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Kenneth A. Meiklejohn, legislative representative of the RWDSU, reported last week that the full Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee is nearly ready to take final favorable action on extending coverage under the minimum wage law. It is expected that the Committee will report out the Kennedy bill, which would extend coverage to more than 6,000,000 additional workers, over half of them in the retail and service industries.

Meiklejohn urged that as soon as the Kennedy bill reaches the floor of the Senate, efforts by union members be redoubled to get their Senators to vote for the bill without weakening or amending it. He noted that since most retail and service employees who will benefit by the law are unorganized, it becomes a special responsibility of RWDSU members and other unionists to serve as spokesmen and urge its passage.

bottom of America's economic ladder, need and deserve the assistance of Congress in achieving a better life now. The AFL-CIO urges the Congress to enact legislation extending coverage without further delay."

**FEDERAL SCHOOL AID:** The Executive Council reviewed the country's tragic shortage of classrooms and reiterated its view that "only the resources of the federal government are adequate to meet this challenge" to America's future.

The Council pointed out that the House Education and Labor Committee has reported favorably on a bill authorizing \$1.5 billion in grants to the states for school construction. This compromise bill is "entitled to the support of all Americans," it maintained, and urged Congress to pass it promptly.

**CIVIL RIGHTS:** The bill reported out by the House Rules Committee was endorsed "without reservation . . . even though we prefer stronger action," as a "minimum but meaningful bill which has strong bipartisan support." The Council gave Reps. Emanuel Celler (D) and Kenneth Keating (R), both of New York, ranking members of the Judiciary Committee, credit for getting it to the floor.

A similar bill in the Senate has been bottled up by Chairman James O. Eastland (D. Miss.) of the Judiciary Committee, although it was approved several weeks ago in a subcommittee headed by Sen. Thomas C. Hennings (D., Mo.)

## Pay Floor 'Boon to South

RALEIGH, N. C. (PAI)—A veteran Southern legislator and manufacturer says he doesn't go along with the idea that a minimum wage bill would "throw a lot of people out of work simply because we have to pay people a living wage."

Rep. H. Cloyd Philpott of Davidson made the statement as this state's House Committee on Manufacturers and Labor held a hearing on a Senate-passed bill to set up a 75-cent hourly minimum wage in North Carolina.

Philpott, a furniture manufacturer and a member of the committee, said he believes the federal minimum wage law "has done more to bolster the economy of the South than any other legislation since the turn of the century."

A few proponents and numerous opponents spoke out on the measure. The committee took no vote on the bill, which would raise the pay of about 60,000 workers in this state.

Representatives of hotels, theatres, laundry and dry cleaning establishments declared the bill is certain to cost people their jobs and increase prices.

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane endorsed the bill, saying it would help increase North Carolina's per capita income.



# LABOR NEWS ROUNDUP

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## High Productivity Seen Bringing 4-Day Week

WASHINGTON (PAI)—A four-day, 28-hour week may some day be possible as a result of increased worker productivity, automation and atomic energy in the opinion of Leo Perlis, Director of AFL-CIO Community Service Activities.

Speaking before the American Red Cross annual convention here, Perlis pointed toward the expansion of the American economy which has been made possible by technological advance and a huge increase in labor's productivity.

Yet this very expansion and particularly the development of automation pose serious problems for the future.

"In the face of organized labor's higher productivity . . . of automation . . . of the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes . . . it is easy to see that, within a few years, men and women will be working not only a five-day, 30-hour week—but perhaps, even a four-day, 28-hour week," Perlis declared.

"How well America adjusts to this new period of change and growth will depend in no small measure on how well we plan before we act," he continued.

"Automation is here—it will continue to develop—it will be of immeasurable benefit to mankind. Since that is so it would be sheer folly to rush into automation willy-nilly, when all of the attendant distress could be minimized or avoided entirely through careful planning.

"If automation is going to boost productivity, production and our national income, then it must be accompanied by an equitable division of the fruits of our common labors toward that end.

"This fair distribution of the national pie will depend, in large measure, on two major factors.

"It will be governed, first of all, by the willingness of our government to safeguard our economy through the enactment of constructive legislation . . . a higher minimum wage and wider application of its coverage to include all who are gainfully employed; more adequate social protection, redesigned in the image of this modern age in which we live; and far-reaching programs to protect the health and welfare of our people.

"The second determinant will be the continued strength and the continued security of the organized labor movement as a vital force in the life of our community, and the recognition of the importance to all America of labor's collective bargaining position with management."

## Declines Canada Post

OTTAWA, Ont. (PAI)—Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, has turned down Prime Minister St. Laurent's offer of a seat in the Canadian Senate.

Commenting on the reported offer, President Jodoin said in a recent television interview that he had participated in some conversations but had declined.

## Are Union Salaries Exorbitant?

### 1 Company Exec Paid More Than 23 Union Heads Combined

WASHINGTON (PAI)—A new move to paint the salaries of trade union officials as exorbitant has fallen flat on its face with the coincidental publication of management salaries. Here are the contrasts:

The salary of just one American business executive in 1956 more than equalled the combined salaries of the top 23 salaried union presidents.

The management executive was Eugene C. Grace, chairman of the Board of Bethlehem Steel. He was paid \$809,011 last year in salaries and compensation. This compares with \$801,577 for the union leaders—just \$7,434 less than Grace's compensation.

It took only four top industrial leaders in the United States to earn more—almost half a million more—than 146 top union presidents.

Four officers of one corporation alone—General Motors—came within \$200,000 of earning as much as all 146 Union presidents listed. The union presidents' salaries were intro-

## DEFENSE LE



**SENATOR MORSE HONORED:** Senator Wayne Morse, (D. Ore.) receives from Dr. Frank P. Graham, center, the Workers Defense League's Clendenin Award for "distinguished service in the Congress." The junior Senator from Oregon, Richard L. Neuberger, watches at 20th Anniversary Luncheon of the League in New York.

## Two Unions on Probation

WASHINGTON (PAI)—AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany has announced that two unions, the Distillery Workers and the Allied Industrial Workers, had been placed on probation for one year.

The action followed acceptance of the probation status by both unions, who further agreed to the appointment of an AFL-CIO representative by Meany to "monitor" their operations for a one-year period. The actions had been directed by the AFL-CIO Executive Council on May 23. Meany named his assistant, Peter M. McGavin, to serve as the special representative.

At the same time, Meany notified officers of all state and local central bodies of the suspension of the Laundry Workers International Union on charges of violating Article VIII, Section 7, of the AFL-CIO Constitution. He directed that local unions of the Laundry Workers be suspended immediately from membership in all state and city central bodies.

## Long Island Police Bust Peaceful Strikers' Parade

MINEOLA, N. Y. (PAI)—A parade of strikers seeking union recognition at the Reeves Instrument Corp., here was broken up by club-wielding Nassau County police who severely beat John Thomasson, publicity director of District 4 of the International Union of Electrical Workers.

Two IUE organizers, who have been helping the Reeves workers in their efforts to establish a union, were also roughed up and together with Thomasson, were arrested and held in jail until released on bail.

One IUE organizer, Mike Slomkin, and one striker, Joe Mattedick, were arrested accused of "inciting to riot." Thomasson was struck about the head and shoulders, was thrown down and kicked.

IUE officials declared that the police, numbering about 150, deliberately pushed the paraders who numbered about 75, back and forth on the street so that the police at either end could work them over.

They declared that immediately before the attack on the demonstrators a policeman was heard to say: "Let's give them a good going-over this morning."

The Reeves Instrument Corp., a subsidiary of Dynamics Corp. of America, has been the center of IUE organization efforts for some time. Last January employees at the plant, accepting company promises made them, voted against a union.

Failure of the company to keep its promises, the purging of active unionists and reports of a 25 percent layoff caused much unrest at the plant. A committee of employees asked assurances that seniority would be observed in any layoffs and that laid-off workers would be given preference for rehiring. The company rejected the proposals.

Scattered walkouts took place on May 1 and by May 3 a full fledged strike was in progress, the workers calling on the IUE for help.

There was no violence until May 14 when a scab pulled a knife on a picket and was arrested. Immediately following this a local judge granted an anti-picketing injunction, and the scab was released.

## Ill. Kills Picket Ban

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (PAI)—An anti-picketing bill, supported by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and other employer groups, has been killed by the Illinois House.

House members voted by an overwhelming majority against taking the bill from the industry and labor relations committee. That House committee earlier voted against passage of the bill. The House vote was 104 to 64 against the legislation; the committee vote, 25 to 15.

Labor leaders pointed out that passage of the legislation would "mean no organizational picketing, no picketing in some actual labor-management disputes, and very limited picketing in other situations."

Enforcement of the bill, had it become law, would have wound up in the courts. Union leaders charged it represented an attempt to revive "government by injunction."





Seven at a time register as donors in Local 1-S Blood Bank.

## Nearly 1,000 Give to '1-S' Blood Bank

NEW YORK CITY—Close to 1,000 members of Local 1-S, along with Macy department store executives, contributed to the 1957 joint union-company blood bank drive during the month of May, according to Deby Valencia, Recording Secretary of Local 1-S. Recruiting for the donor drive was spurred by a joint appeal from 1-S Pres. Sam Kovenetaky and Macy Pres. Elliot V. Walter addressed to all of the company's employees.

Blood centers were established by the Red Cross in the Herald Square store as well as those at Flatbush, Parkchester and Jamaica. The Blood Bank provides

unlimited coverage for all Union members and executives, their husbands or wives and children under 19 years of age, and also protects the parents of single members.

On the Blood Bank committee for Local 1-S, in addition to Vice Pres. Philip Hoffstein and Co-Chairman Deby Valencia are Executive Board members Gertrude Beisen, Marion Cook, Jack Fox, Andrew Fellicia, Jerry Harte, Harry Leibowitz, Dorothy Lichtenstein, Anthony La Salvia, Robert McLean and Clifford Sanders.

## 10c Raise for 450 At J-B Watchband

NEW YORK CITY.—Members of Local 147 at the Jacoby-Bender Watchband Co. have approved a new two-year contract, Business Rep. Caesar Massa reported. It provides wage increases of 10 cents an hour over two years, plus holiday, overtime and seniority improvements for 450 of the 500 employees.

Discussions concerning wages and conditions of the toolmaking department were still under way last week.

Most important to the workers, aside from the money issue, was a change in the overtime provision and establishment of a leave of absence system, Massa said. On the overtime question, the workers have long sought time and half pay for work beyond eight hours in a day, and this was accomplished. Time and a half had previously been paid only for work after 40 hours.

An effective leave of absence provision was won, providing leaves with retention of seniority, including maternity leave. It was pointed out that this provision is comparatively rare in a production shop. The new pact also provides for retaining seniority in transfers from one department to another, and that no wage cut will be imposed, even if the transfer is to a lower-rated job.

The wage increases are effective June 1, 1957 and June 1, 1958. Massa and Busi-

ness Rep. Jack Holowchik led the negotiating committee, which included Wanda Gloriosa, Leonard Fisher, Bill Martin, Joe Lella, Al Fiore, Albert Rivera, Judy Quiñones, Myra Smith, Rosemary Luksic, Anna Bouris and Sal Lacagnina.

## John David Store Opening 'Union'

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—The new John David store in White Plains, expected to employ up to 40 workers, will be covered by a Local 305 contract, Business Agent George Surtes reported. This is the well-known retail chain's first Westchester County store, and its first store to carry women's wear.

The company has recognized the union as bargaining agent, and conditions will be basically the same as those in Wal-lach's and other '305' men's wear stores.

Another retail chain with a new store to be covered by Local 305 conditions is Shoe King Sam, who opened his latest outlet in Troy, N. Y. The union has won recognition, and negotiations are expected to begin soon.

In Newburgh, N. Y., a new Robert Hall clothing chain store has been signed to a '305' contract, providing the 10 employees with wages and conditions prevailing in other stores of the same company which are organized in Local 305.

## Sharp Gains Won At Great Bear Co.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Wage increases, substantial improvements in health care protection and strengthening of the overall contract were featured in a three-year agreement between Local 446 and the Great Bear Spring Co., distributors of bottled drinking water, Int'l Rep. Thomas Evans reported.

The settlement came after a struggle to keep Local 446 in the shop in the face of an attempted raid by another union. A National Labor Relations Board election between the two unions resulted in a tie, and the NLRB ruled that no union represent the workers.

Condemning the ruling as grossly unfair and anti-union, a majority of the workers, led by Evans, conducted a strike for company recognition of '446' as the union they wanted. They soon won agreement from the company to negotiate, and brought to a halt further attempts by the other union to intervene.

The wage boosts are effective as of March 29. They are 7 cents an hour each year for the cooler gang, 5 cents for warehouse men, \$2.52 a week each year for salesmen, as well as cost of living protection. An additional paid holiday was won, and vacations are now 3 weeks after 8 years' service instead of 10. Important changes in the seniority provisions were made, family coverage by the health plan and full employer payment for the plan were won, as well as other gains.

## Kokomo's Grievance

NEW YORK—A New York newspaper interviewed Kokomo, Jr., the chimpanzee who took the place of wealthy J. Fred Muggs on Dave Garroway's TV show. It seems that NBC has been paying Kokomo a measly \$300 a week for his toil before the cameras. Asks the New York Post: "We rise to ask how in the tarnation a working chimp can be expected to live on \$300 a week in this town?"



Displaying plaques presented to six founders of '1199' are, left to right, William J. Taylor, George Glotzer, Leon J. Davis, Edward Ayash, David Kaufman, Irving Jarmel, Harry Shamowitz, Victor Weinberg and John Sherman.

## '1199' Celebrates 25th Birthday

NEW YORK CITY—More than 1,000 persons filled the main ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton Astor to capacity Sunday evening, May 26, at the 25th anniversary banquet of Retail Drug Employees Local 1199. They saw Mayor Robert F. Wagner present \$1,000 checks to the first two winners of '1199' college scholarships, heard RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg, State CIO Pres. Louis Hollander and District 65 Pres. David Livingston praise '1199' for its record of achievement, and saw a dramatic pageant that reviewed the union's history.

A highlight of the affair was the presentation of plaques in honor of their 25 years of union service to Pres. Leon J. Davis and five co-founders of 1199: David Kaufman, Irving Jarmel, Harry Shamowitz, Victor Weinberg and John Sherman. Davis, in accepting the plaque, spoke movingly of his and other members' experiences in building their union.

The scholarships were awarded to "Elinore" Cohen and Samuel Kaplan, both children of '1199' members, and are to be used to help them obtain degrees as pharmacists. Local 1199 Vice-Pres. William J. Taylor served as toastmaster at the dinner. The pageant was written by Ossie Davis, and featured a number of well-known performers. In connection with the affair, an attractive history of the union was issued, which Pres. Greenberg termed "required reading not only for every member but for every

employer."

A citation to Local 1199 for its fine record in fighting for equal rights and

job opportunities for all members was presented by the Urban League of Greater New York.



RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg presents scholarship check to Elinore Cohen as fellow-winner Samuel Kaplan, Mayor Wagner and '1199' Pres. Leon Davis look on.



## The Midwest

# '40 and 5' and Raises to Boot At Borden's Dairy in Columbus

COLUMBUS, O.—"Forty and five" and raises to boot were the outstanding results of contract negotiations between Local 379 and the big 400-man Borden's M & R Dairy, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported. Forty and five, of course, refers to the 40-hour, 5-day week.

In addition to the cut in hours the workers won wage boosts of 10 cents an hour over 2 years, plus improved vacations and holidays. Salesmen won commission and day-wage increases, with the commission boosts alone slated to raise their earnings by as much as \$40 a month, Ingles estimated.

The new hours schedule, which affects the plant employees only, since they are paid by the hour, goes into effect Oct. 1. It represents a 5-hour reduction in the work week, since the men have been working 45 hours. The current schedule was established in negotiations last year, and was an improvement over the 6-day, 48-hour schedule in effect then.

### Second '40-5' Shop

The M & R victory makes this dairy the second in Columbus to win the 40-hour, 5-day week, and Ingles said Diamond Dairy, also a '379' shop, is slated to follow this pattern around the same date.

In addition to the commission increases salesmen received 25-cent boosts in day wages. For the retail men this means a day wage of \$2.25, for wholesale it is \$2.50, for vending \$2.25, and for ice cream men \$5.25 a day. Night shift plant employees won an additional cent on their night premium, bringing it to 9 cents an hour, in addition to the 10-cent general increase.

The negotiations, which Ingles said were conducted in a good atmosphere, began around the end of April and were concluded May 29. All gains are retroactive to May 1, expiration date of the previous contract.

Vacations were improved to provide 2 weeks after 3 years' service instead of the former week and a half. The other parts of the vacation schedule remain the same, providing 1 week after 1 year and 3 weeks after 15 years on the job. Ingles said about 50 people would enjoy the extra half week's vacation this year as a result of the gain.

Ingles and Unit Chairman Robert Clark led the negotiating committee, which included Recording Sec. Bill Bell, George Suver, Norman Bailey, Harry Jennings, Curt Folwell, Fred Persinger, Robert Rush, Clarence Joseph, Pearl Graham, Edward Shull and Evelyn Matz.



"ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED" was the theme of this meeting of staff members in the Midwest area called by Regional Director Gerald A. Hughes (center, speaking). Meeting also discussed contract problems, political action, and other union matters. L. to r., Ed Rosenhahn, Ned Harkless, Hughes, Jack Kirkwood, Ernest Burberg, William Kee and Charles Hess. Not in photo, Vern Ulery, Gene Ingles, Edgar Johnson and Tom Kirkwood.

## Irene Zapos Again Chosen To Head Chicago Local 291

CHICAGO, Ill.—Retail Local 291 elected officers for the coming two years at a membership meeting on May 22, Chicago Joint Board Pres. Henry Anderson reported. Returned to the presidency was Irene Zapos of Lane Bryant.

Newly elected were Max Cohen, vice-president, Goldie Jones, secretary, and Ida Wheat, sergeant-at-arms. Robert Mechtoldt was re-elected treasurer. All executive board members are newly elected except one, George Vallery. The others are Belle Zinn, Rae Cooper, Vincent Mitchell and Clarence Vogt.

Local 29 of the Joint Board, meanwhile, has plans under way for a testimonial event on June 21, honoring recently retired Maurice Wherity, former chief steward of the American Furniture Mart shop. He will be honored for long

and active service to the union and as a member of the organizing committee of the shop when it was organized in 1942.

Elsewhere among Joint Board locals, the members of Leaf Bands, Local 15's largest candy plant, are in negotiations for a new and drastically improved contract. The 500 workers are pressing for important wage increases and complete revision of the incentive system.

## First Pacts At Stokely In Michigan

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The new members of RWDSU Local 386 at two Stokely-Van Camp canning plants in the towns of Hart and Scottville have won their first union contracts, Local 386 Pres. Tom Kirkwood reported. The year round employees of the two plants voted overwhelmingly for the union in National Labor Relations Board elections on April 30.

The company, whose employees in Crosswell, Mich. are members of RWDSU, agreed that contract coverage would go to several hundred seasonal workers who are employed from June to October for the packing season.

### Wage Boosts, Seniority

The contracts at Hart and Scottville provide the same benefits, which include wage increases of 5 cents an hour as of March 1, strict seniority provisions, two paid holidays, vacations paid at the rate of either 48 hours' or 96 hours' earnings, depending on length of service, and a grievance procedure with arbitration as a final step.

The workers started organizing early this year after contact with the plants was established through Walt Tyler, president of the Muskegon City CIO Council. The drive was led by '386' Pres. Tom Kirkwood and Int'l Rep. Jack Kirkwood, who worked with a rank and file organizing committee.

Committee members included, at Scottville, Allen Tuttle, Lloyd Smith and George Kavaluski. At Hart, they were Ed Purdy, Charles Baldwin and Glen Helmer.

## Layoff Wave Hits Harvester

CHICAGO—The large tractor plant of International Harvester Company, which only a few short months ago had 4,800 workers, is now down to 2,300 production and maintenance workers, according to UAW Local 1301. One thousand members of UAW Local 6 at the Melrose Park plant also have been laid off.

Layoffs have hit the Milwaukee plant of the Harvester Company as well, according to UAW officials. Other farm implement chains such as Allis Chalmers report large layoffs. These layoffs result from the failure of the company to sell farm implements, as well as the breakdown in the projected federal road-building program.

At the tractor plant almost 2,000 tractors are rusting away in the immense yards. The unemployment compensation offices are crowded with unemployed Harvester workers. As the heavy layoffs hit the workers, John L. McCaffery, chairman of the executive board of the International Harvester Company, has called the UAW's demand for a shorter workweek, with no decrease in pay "unrealistic."

McCaffery has told the press that he comes from the six-day week school. He also added that the profits of the company were not too high.

## '110' Leaders Meet Loveless

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia.—Officers of Local 110, Union of Quaker Oats workers in this city were among union leaders in this city who got together last month for the first time with the man they had done much to help elect to the top state office. Gov. Hershel Loveless is the first Democrat in 20 years to hold the Governor's post.

The meeting with the Governor and his wife was arranged by the local Committee on Political Education, whose chairman is Local 110 Education Dir. Harold Ketchum. RWDSU members present, besides Ketchum, were Sam Clark, president of the City CIO, and '110' Steward Irene Frame.

## Firing Back-Fires at New Ohio Creamery

PICKERINGTON, O.—The newly organized RWDSUers at the Pickerington Creamery awaited the start of negotiations on their first union contract with renewed confidence in their strength last week. They had won their first union victory since voting for Local 379 in the reinstatement of a worker who had been fired by the company.

## Labor Aids Tornado Victims

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (PAI)—Organized labor in Kansas City moved into action last week to aid the victims of the catastrophic tornado which spread death and destruction throughout the area.

It was estimated that 30 to 50 per cent of the homes destroyed were those of members of organized labor.

Before the debris had settled, craftsmen in building trades unions were volunteering in large numbers for emergency rescue work. Individual locals took immediate steps to provide help not only for their own members, but also for all sufferers.

An appeal for funds to take care of stricken members of Typographical Local 80 was wired to all chapels within 24 hours of the disaster by William T. Gill, secretary-treasurer of the Union.

The Union Industries Show cancelled activities the night of the storm to send emergency food and all available lighting equipment to the disaster area for rescue efforts. Led by Joe Lewis, show director, all participant exhibitors made a drive for collection of funds throughout the final day of the show and collected a 4-figure sum for the Salvation Army, which was in the field with the first word of disaster.

Despite the cancellation and the record downpour which disrupted the opening day program, attendance at the Union Industries Show reached the amazing total of 287,000, Lewis announced. In view of the circumstances, this made the Kansas City show one of the most successful in the event's history.

The pre-show goal of the sponsoring Union Label & Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO, was 300,000, it was stated by Don Oakley, Washington, department representative. Had circumstances been more favorable, he said, the show probably would have exceeded the goal by 100,000.



# First Sealtest Pact in South Won by RWDSU

FLORENCE, S. C.—Sealtest, one of the most widely-known dairy labels in the nation, will be a union product in this city from now on. The first union contract with one of the huge National Dairies Corporations was completed late last month, capping a tough, 7-month campaign led by Regional Dir. Irving Lebold with aid from Asst. Southern Area Dir. Frank Parker.



**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE** above concluded wage talks with Sealtest plant in Florence, S. C. Contract, covering 45 newly organized employees, provides wage increases ranging from 3 to 12 cents an hour, other gains. Seated around table from left foreground: Jim Martin, William Schmidt, company official; Bert Prendergast, Labor Relations Dir.; Frank Parker, Asst. RWDSU/Area Dir.; Woody Parrott, Local chairman; Irving Lebold, Region Dir.; Jim Mays, Local Sec.-Treas.; Charles Carter, and RWDSU Organizer W. Parker.

The new contract provides, in addition to wage increases, job security in the form of seniority provisions and protection against unjust discharges, and a grievance machinery spelling out recognition by the company that stewards are on-the-job union representatives and providing arbitration as a final step.

The 45 employees, who work a 44-hour week, won wage increases ranging from 3 to 12 cents an hour, with the average increase about 5 cents an hour. About half the workers received 3 cents an hour, with the balance receiving boosts of 5, 7 and 12 cents an hour. Also written into the contract were several benefits which the company had provided before. Among these are 6 paid holidays, paid vacations, and health and pension coverage.

## Rates \$1.07 to \$1.66

With the increases, wage scales at this plant become the highest in the industry in this area, Lebold said. Minimum rate, for the lowest paid job category, is \$1.07 an hour. The rates range up to a top of \$1.66 an hour.

Lebold pointed out that the Sealtest workers succeeded in organizing their plant in spite of heavy pressure against the move by business groups in this community. In addition to using the newspapers to encourage anti-union sentiment, these groups sought to arouse local merchants and other segments of the city against the union.

The workers voted for the RWDSU in a National Labor Relations Board election held last March. Still pending before the labor board are union charges of unfair firing of three Sealtest employees.

In addition to Lebold and Parker, the union negotiating committee included Woody Parrott, Jim Mays, Jim Martin, and Charles Carter.

The plant, whose local name is Southern Dairies, is a subsidiary of the National Dairies Corp., largest dairy firm in the world, whose products bear the Sealtest label. It is the only union milk company in the area, which includes metropolitan Charleston, where 1,000 RWDSU members and their families live and work.

## Election Won at Miami TV Chain

MIAMI, Fla.—The RWDSU's organizing drive in this city got a big boost on May 29, when the employees of Jefferson Stores Service Corp. put the official seal of a National Labor Relations Board election victory on their organization into the union, Regional Dir. Harry Bush reported. The workers voted 48 to 28 for the RWDSU. It was their fourth attempt in as many years to bring a union into their shop.

A victory for the union was a pretty safe bet well before the actual balloting. The workers had demonstrated their strong desire to be a part of the RWDSU with a majority signed up and with a one-day stoppage, provoked by company stalling on an election, which won agreement to a speedy vote.

The victory came in the face of strenuous company efforts to woo the workers away from the union. These efforts, which were a repeat performance of management's anti-union act in previous organizing attempts of the employees, consisted of throwing the workers small bone benefits, running parties, and finally mailing individual letters to the employees appealing for a vote against the union.

The union challenged seven ballots because they were votes of supervisory personnel.

The employees service television sets and other electrical appliances. The firm's warehouse employees are already members of RWDSU.

## Vacation, Health Care Gains at S. C. Cafeteria

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Substantial gains in vacations and health care coverage were made in a new contract between Local 15A and the Slater System, which operates the plant cafeteria at the American Tobacco Co. cigar plant here, Int'l Rep. Larry Larsen reported.

Wage discussions will take place in six months, according to the contract. The new vacation schedule calls for 3 days after 6 months, 1 week after 1 year, 2 weeks after 3 years and 3 weeks after 15 years on the job. Also won was hospitalization coverage and sick benefits of \$15 a week up to 13 weeks in a year, including pregnancy, and life insurance of \$1,000. Cost of these benefits is borne entirely by the company.

The negotiating committee was led by Larsen and included Local 15A Vice-Pres. Nan Carter, Financial Sec. Marie Hodges, Daisy Betard and Mary Ridgway.

## Big Vote for '15A' Stewards

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The members of Local 15A, who work in the big American Tobacco Company's cigar plant here, gave a strong demonstration of their support for their stewards—"key to the union in the shop"—by turning out in large numbers to elect their on-the-job union leaders last month.

Nearly 600 of the 800 workers presently employed voted in the annual steward elections and made it the biggest turnout in the history of the local. Balloting was held over two days under the supervision of rank and file election committee members.

Each of the five floors had its own ballot, and candidates were listed by departments. Twenty-five stewards and 19 alternates were elected.

Int'l Rep. Larry Larsen observed that the show of unity and high interest in the union could not fail to impress management. He said the workers have thus taken an important first step in preparing for contract negotiations due in the next few months.

Meanwhile, Larsen reported the settlement of a number of grievances concerning loss of earnings in violation of seniority rules. Most of the cases involved departments on the third floor of the plant, and they were handled by Stewards Elizabeth Porter, Peggy Murray, Mildred Mayes, Lela Benton, who were assisted by the plant Grievance Committee.

## 'RWDSU Southern States Health & Welfare Plan'

## Jaffe-Wohl Latest to Win Health Plan

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Another RWDSU shop in this area has been added to the growing ranks of members covered by the RWDSU Southeastern States Health and Welfare Plan. Negotiating on a wage reopener last month, the workers at the Jaffe-Wohl scrap warehouse converted a 5-cent hourly wage offer into agreement by the firm to make payments of \$2.40 a week to the Plan.

The agreement brings hospitalization coverage to 110 employees and their dependents, as well as life insurance and sick benefits to the members. The cost to the company is equal to an increase of 6 cents an hour, and the firm started making payments as of June 1, effective date of the contract.

At a shop meeting May 29, after a lengthy floor discussion, some 90 workers voted overwhelmingly for the Health Plan. Members on the negotiating committee, in addition to Int'l Rep. Bill Langston, were Local 261 Pres. George Stewart, Jack Dempsey, Lloyd Roberson, A. C. Minter, Jack Reid and William Martin.

Elsewhere in this city, 100 Consolidated Dairies employees wound up four negotiating sessions May 29, by giving enthusiastic approval to a settlement of their 1957 contract, Regional Dir. Frank Parker reported.

A 5-cent hourly wage boost for plant

employees was further adjusted with \$5 weekly wage increases for ice cream department men as a first step toward ironing out inequities between them and milk department employees.

Also won was double time pay for holidays worked and work gloves to be furnished by the company.

Salesmen won a boost in minimum guarantees to \$250 a month from the former \$227.50. Commission increases of one-half of one percent for retail milk salesmen brought their rate to 15% and one-quarter of one percent for wholesale milkmen, brought their rate to 9½%. Ice cream salesmen received an additional \$2.50 on base wages, bringing them to \$52.50 a week. They also earn 2% commissions. The relief man won a wage boost of \$2.60, making his rate \$65 a week.

Parker led the shop committee, which included Local 745 Pres. Ed Hawkins, Harry Welch, Ralph Burns, Bob Hawkins, Clay Johnson and Brother Collins.

## Everything's New In Charlotte, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—When the members of Local 28 held their next membership meeting they will gather in a new union hall—with air-conditioning—to talk about progress in a new organizing program, to be led by a new organizer just out of one of the local's four shops.

Special shop meetings last month decided to try to double the local's membership within a year, and the members voted to put Bill Griffith of American Bakeries on the full time staff as an organizer. He will work with Regional Dir. Irving Lebold. Other Local 28 shops are Ralston Purina, Piedmont Feed Mills and Buckeye Celulose Corp.



# Spirits High in Eleventh Week Of C. H. Smith Strike in Windsor

WINDSOR, Ont.—Spirits remained high among the 200 striking C. H. Smith department store employees last week as they went into the 11th week of their fight for decent wages and a union shop, RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Al Heaps reported. Heaps made a flying visit to this city and met with Smith strikers on May 27, along with RWDSU's Eastern Canada Dir. George Barlow.

Helping to keep the spring in the strikers' steps as they picketed the nearly block-square store was a continuing flow of contributions to their strike fund, mainly from fellow RWDSU members in Canada as well as other union members, and some from RWDSUers in the United States.

## Union Proposal

At the last of several meetings with the company held before a conciliation officer, the union proposed that the company work out a detailed proposal on increases it would grant according to classification, with particular emphasis on those employees earning below \$1 an hour.

Int'l Rep. Walter Kensit said the workers are determined that if the company fails to come up with a satisfactory offer in response to the workers' compromise proposal, they would return to their original demand for \$6 wage increases.

Meanwhile, in the other strike situation in this city, management of the Honey Dew restaurant threatened to cut its offer, on which the 15 members went out on strike a week before the C. H. Smith workers. The offer called for 92 cents an hour as a minimum wage instead of the \$1 sought by the Honey Dew employees and for which they have now spent nearly 12 weeks on the picket line.

The company made its 'tough' move at a fruitless session before a government conciliator. The strike continues.

## Half of CCF Candidates Are Trade Unionists

OTTAWA (CPA)—Trade unionists, or those who have been members of unions, accounted for almost half of the 162 CCF candidates running in the June 10 election, according to available information. Eighty candidates listed trade union membership with CCF national headquarters here.

In Ontario, 38 out of 60 candidates were trade unionists; in Quebec, 13 out of 22 reported membership; in the Prairie Provinces, 46 candidates include 11 labor unionists; British Columbia had 14 union members out of 22 candidates; and the four Maritime provinces reported that out of 12 standard-bearers, at least four belong to trade unions.

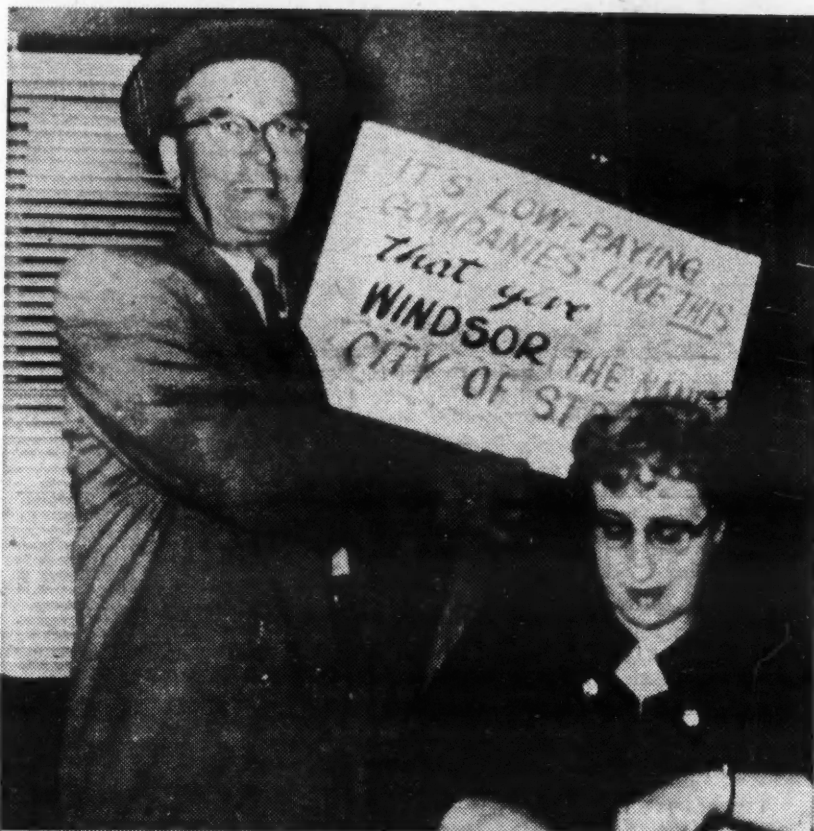
The CCF is the only political party which has fully endorsed the national legislative program of the Canadian Labor Congress.

## Sask. Increases Aid to Aged, Disabled, Blind

REGINA (CPA)—Aged, blind and disabled persons in Saskatchewan will receive, in full, proposed increases in allowances and the maximum allowable income, the provincial government recently announced. Agreements signed with the federal government a short time ago will assure the increases.

The recipients will not be required to apply for the increases because the Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation has taken steps to review all records and make the maximum benefits available to all. The increases are effective from July 1, 1957, with amounts raised from \$40 to \$46 monthly, with an increase in the allowable income for single persons of \$120 each year. Married couples had their allowable incomes raised by \$180 per year.

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PICKET CAPTAIN Mark Fauria reflects good spirits of C. H. Smith strikers in his own confident smile. He's shown in Windsor, Ont., strike headquarters with Local 1002 Treas. Marjorie Brown, who's busy trying to balance a local budget severely strained by drain of the strike—now in its 11th week. All RWDSU locals have been urged by Pres. Max Greenberg to pitch in with money for the fighting Smith employees.

## Health Plan Arbitration Won by '448'

SARNIA, Ont.—It is the company's responsibility to see to it that its employees are covered by the health care plan established in the contract between Local 448 and the Windsor Hotel in this city.

This is the sense of an arbitrator's decision which resulted in full company payment of doctor bills totalling more than \$700 for four members, Int'l Rep. Walter Kensit reported.

The case had been in process for almost a full year, having been brought by Local 448 last June. The company had claimed that it has no responsibility to make arrangements for coverage by the medical care plan, while the union held that it does.

The hotel management had neglected to provide application forms to the four members concerned after a first RWDSU contract was signed more than a year ago. Subsequently the members incurred doctor bills ranging from \$9 to \$539.30, which management had refused to pay.

## Leeson, Kensit Present Case

Leading in presentation of the union's case were Local 448 Business Agent Wilfred Leeson and Kensit. Chairman of the arbitration panel was attorney Alec Richmond, and union panel member was Steelworkers Union Rep. Pat Daley of London, Ont. The four members are Mickey Lamfrombois, Ray Beattie, John Budziewicz, and Burkhardt Holdway.

## \$3 to \$4.50 Raises at Underwood in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Man.—A new agreement with the Underwood Typewriter Co. has brought wage gains of \$3 to \$4.50 a week to the employees, who service the machines, Int'l Rep. Chris Schubert reported.

The settlement, reached late last month, is retroactive to April 1. It also provides increased bonuses, improvements in vacations pay, and, a key issue, company furnishing of cars to all service men, thus relieving them of having to use their own cars. Other gains were also won, among them half payment by the company for improved medical care and hospitalization coverage.

## OK Lockout Seen Test for All Sask. Labor

REGINA, Sask.—The two-month-old lockout struggle of newly-organized workers of OK Economy Stores warehouse is a fight against a combination of employers in this province, and thus is a fight on behalf of all labor in Saskatchewan.

This was the sense of discussion at the 9th Annual Convention of the Saskatchewan Joint Board May 28 and 29, and the result was a decision to urge all members of Joint Board locals to give an hour's pay a week or \$1 a week to support the OK Economy workers in their fight, Int'l Rep. Walter Smishek reported.

The Convention also called for an examination of the picket line and other local members have been giving, and urged that the lines in front of retail outlets in Saskatoon, Yorktown and North Battleford be manned mainly by RWDSUers.

Evidence for the conclusion that all of Saskatchewan labor would suffer a serious set-back in a defeat of the OK Economy workers' organization has mounted in the growing pressure being brought on the union from the police, in company advertisements in the newspapers and other sources. Pickets are regularly harried by police officers, some have been hauled into court for distributing leaflets, and other attempts have been made to halt spreading the union story to the public.

Smishek pointed out that the firm has recently become part of the giant Weston food chain, which has holdings all over Canada. He cited reports that other branches of the huge company are coming into this province, and said the company's arrogant maneuvering against the union at OK Economy was just a sample of what would come if this struggle were lost.

Several meetings of the union and the company have been held since the lockout March 27 on the initiative of the provincial Department of Labor, but company insistence on maintaining sole right to judge employees in all seniority questions has stymied an agreement. Recommendations by a mediator have been accepted by the union and rejected by the company. Another attempt to mediate the dispute will shortly be held on

the order of the Labor Minister.

The workers, numbering about 80, organized and won certification last November after a campaign led by Joint Board Rep. Len Wallace. Negotiations were repeatedly stalled by the company, and when management did sit down it was to present the workers with a take-it-or-leave-it package which they firmly rejected as grossly inadequate, particularly in terms of job security.



SASKATCHEWAN PICKETS guard OK Economy food warehouse door even during break period. The 80 employees were locked out March 27 and have conducted a vigorous campaign against the firm, with highly effective picketing of three retail outlets of the company in nearby cities.



# atomic fallout

## A LIFE-OR-DEATH DEBATE!



### feature Section

**H**uman beings have a wonderful ability to learn to live with danger. For thousands of years, peasants in Italy, Japan and other countries have lived on the slopes of live volcanoes, taking their chances on the possibility of another eruption. All of us, to some degree, are exposed to the hazards of injury or death in our work, in our recreation and in the ordinary course of our daily lives. These hazards we learn to take for granted, as we do such risks as being struck by lightning or killed by a tornado.

But, as mankind progresses, as the frontiers of human knowledge are pushed further ahead, we are learning how to eliminate these hazards and prolong human life. We no longer take it for granted that disease should be allowed to rage unchecked, or that men should be compelled to work under conditions injurious to their health, or that conditions which constitute a public danger should not be corrected.

It is in this present-day framework, in which each human life is a precious thing, that the controversy on atomic bomb tests must be considered. If we are concerned for our own health and indeed for our very lives, then we must be concerned by this subject. Even more, if we are concerned by the fate awaiting our children, then we must take heed now, for scientists are already expressing the fear that "the human species will lose its struggle with radiation and begin to deteriorate."

#### FACTS THAT SPELL LIFE OR DEATH

*These are some of the facts on radiation now available to the average American:*

- An all-out war employing atom bombs could end all life on the earth as we now know it.
- Even if there is no atomic war, people all over the world are endangered to some degree by radioactive fallout from nuclear test explosions.
- Scientists themselves do not yet know either the full extent of the fallout or the ultimate effect of such radiation on the present and future generations, but all agree that there is some danger—though they may argue over how much.
- The facts that are known indicate that radiation can cause cancer, leukemia and other diseases, as well as harmful effects on reproductive organs which in turn would mean a sharp increase in the number of defective children born.
- Radiation effects are cumulative; that is, successive doses can be added to earlier exposure, and the total then may be dangerously high. Some leading scientists say that bomb tests already have increased radioactivity in the atmosphere to disturbing levels, and warn that further tests will certainly push it up to a hazardous degree.
- Fallout tends to concentrate in certain large areas of the globe, rather than be distributed evenly everywhere. Prevailing winds and rainfall cause much more than average to fall in the North Temperate Zone, where the U. S. and most of the world's population are found.
- Among those who have called for ending atomic bomb tests are nearly all scientists in Italy and Germany, the government of Japan, the British Medical Association's publication "Lancet," Adlai Stevenson, Pope Pius XII, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and many of the most eminent scientists in the U. S. They all feel that the risk outweighs any possible scientific or military advantage.
- Even those who favor continuing the tests concede that they involve a certain amount of risk, although they argue the damage resulting from the tests is a kind of necessary evil if the U. S. is to retain leadership in atomic know-how. However, the U. S. is willing to give up the tests provided Soviet Russia does the same.
- There is a growing fear, shared by all three nations which already have produced A-bombs (Russia, Britain and the U. S.) that other nations may be able to produce bombs of their own. The more nations with bombs, the greater the danger of atomic war.
- The U. S. expressed its readiness as long ago as 1946, when the Baruch Plan was proposed, to submit atomic and other weapons to international inspection and control. Until now, the Russians have been stubbornly opposed, but recent events including the Khrushchev television interview, indicate a possible softening in their attitude.

It is with an awareness of these facts—and others withheld from the general public by security regulations—that our representatives are meeting with Soviet delegates at the London disarmament talks. Hopefully, Harold Stassen, the U. S. representative at these discussions, has returned to London after conferences in Washington armed with specific proposals and increased bargaining leeway. Among the issues he is empowered to discuss is the halting of nuclear tests, once agreement is reached on other disarmament measures.

#### SINCE 1945, A CONTINUING NIGHTMARE

Ever since the first atomic explosion in 1945, a good part of the civilized world has had a very real cause for fear. What adult has not had at least one nightmare during these 12 years in which he dreamt of being involved in another Hiroshima or Nagasaki? What father has not wondered as he looked at his children whether their generation can avoid the horror of atomic warfare?

Now the reports on radioactive fallout—that ghastly rain of death and disease—show that we are menaced even in peacetime. This unseen, unfelt threat is as real as bullets or germs, and just as deadly.

What can we do about it? The first step is to learn the facts, to get all the information we need in order to act intelligently on this life-or-death matter. The next step is to talk about it—with friends, neighbors, fellow union members—everybody we meet. This may be the most important subject we've ever discussed; the very act of talking it over serves a useful purpose, in that it alerts us to the scope of the problem.

The next step? That's up to the powers-that-be, both our government and Russia's. Let's hope and pray that it's the right one.

—MAX STEINBOCK





**SAMUEL GOMPERS** sits for an official portrait with fellow officers of the American Federation of Labor during the early 1900's. Gompers, seated in center, served as AFL president from its founding in 1881 until his death in 1925, except for one year when he was defeated by P. McGuire.

## Movie on Life of Gompers Suggested by Jessel

**LOUISVILLE (PAI)**—One of the nation's top flight comedians thinks that "the movie industry should do a biographical movie of a great American, Samuel Gompers"—and on this he is deadly serious.

George Jessel, a member of five unions himself, expressed his views to Sam Ezelle, secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor, and KSFL Education Director Robert H. Rowe.

He pointed out that movies had been made of great athletes, industrialists, scientists, military leaders and great men from other walks of life, but to date, not one movie had been made of the lives of any of the great leaders of labor.

Only recently Columbia Pictures made a picture depicting the fight of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union to clean up its industry. It is being shown throughout the country under the title, *The Garment Jungle*.

Jessel thinks it would be even more effective public relations for labor to capture the public mind with the stories of its leaders. He said that he had been urging movie producers to produce a movie on the life of Gompers for "about five years" and he thought the labor movement should get behind the idea and give it support.

He pointed out that Gompers was an immigrant Jewish cigarmaker from England who came to America and, despite difficulties, used his unusual persuasive abilities to weld the various national labor unions into a "federation" of unions, the American Federation of Labor, in 1881. With the exception of one year, he remained president of the AFL from its organization until his death in 1924.

The story of the dramatic, often turbulent life of Gompers would offset much of the unsavory publicity that Dave Beck is giving the labor movement, Jessel related.

Jessel claims membership in the Musicians, Actors Equity, American Guild of Variety Artists, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and the Screen Actors Guild.

### NEW BOOK PORTRAYS EARLY DAYS OF AFL

The current growth of public interest in labor history coincides with the publication of a new book by Prof. Philip Taft, "The AFL in the Time of Gompers." It is the first in a two-volume study of the AFL, and records the life of the federation from its founding in 1881 to the death of Gompers.

Gompers' outstanding personality, which did so much to shape the course of the American labor movement, is dealt with extensively. While it is not a biography, Prof. Taft traces Gompers' dominant role in the AFL, and relates his leadership in the early days to the course later followed by the federation.

Another book, which deals with the same period of Samuel Gompers' autobiography is "Seventy Years of Life and Labor." First published in 1925, this personal story of the man who became one of the most important Americans of the early 20th century has just been reissued by the publishers, E. P. Dutton & Co.

Prof. Taft and John A. Sessions have revised and edited the original work to make it more readable and understandable for present-day readers.

## MOVIES

*in review*

### DESK SET—★★★

Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn combine their inimitable talents to make *Desk Set* a delight. Taken from the successful stage play of the same name, this is a witty, sophisticated story of automation in a modern office.

Tracy is the Methods Engineer hired by a large organization to mechanize and generally increase efficiency in all departments. All goes well until he is assigned to put his methods to work in the reference department of which Miss Hepburn is manager. Here the human element and the electronic brain clash and the fight is on.



Miss Hepburn

The workers in this department are proud of their ability and efficiency and truly like their jobs. They feel automation will not only rob them of their livelihood but will also take away their incentive to do a good job. Even worse—their dignity as human beings is in jeopardy.

Though it is given a light touch and a pat Hollywood ending, this timely problem of automation, which faces many workers now, is clearly and maturely presented. The workers' personal problems add warmth and poignancy to the story. An excellent cast helps give this movie a smooth, fast pace without losing freshness or humor. It's also good to see that able comedienne, Joan Blondell, back on the screen. Go to see this one for a couple of hours of real fun.

—MARIE EVANGELISTA

### DESIGNING WOMAN—★★★

This is a fast moving, sophisticated comedy which attempts to answer the important question, "Can two people involved in very different and successful careers be happily married?"

Lauren Bacall is an important fashion designer and Gregory Peck is a crusading sports writer. After a whirlwind courtship, they marry and are faced with the real test of living together and getting to know each other. Both find it difficult to accept each other's way of life. She feels his friends are coarse and crude, and he feels that hers are phony and too sophisticated.



Gregory Peck

Things become further, complicated when Miss Bacall discovers that a former girl friend of Mr. Peck's was more than just a casual acquaintance. To make matters worse he has to go into hiding so that he may continue his writing crusade against a crooked fight promoter.

*Designing Woman* has many of the old cliches, but it also has many pleasant and enjoyable moments. The scenes are also enhanced with beautifully designed clothes and color background. The whole family will enjoy this one.

—GRACE ROBINSON

### RECORD MOVIE RATING

★★★★	★★★	★★
Bachelor Party	Desk Set	Untamed Youth
Young Stranger	Designing Woman	Kronos
On the Bowery	Wayward Bus	Spring Reunion
Edge of the City	China Gate	The Living Idol
La Strada	A Face in the Crowd	Ten Thousand Bedrooms
Around The World in 80 Days	Gunfight at the O.K. Corral	Rivers Edge
	The D. I.	Tarzan and the Lost Safari
	The Strange One	
	Something of Value	
	Garment Jungle	
	The Little Hut	





Welcome into ranks of retired members of District 65 is extended to 500th retiree. Left to right, '65' Pres. David Livingston, Retiree No. 1 Leon Bauling, Retiree No. 500 John Luding and RWDSU Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, who is also secretary-treasurer of '65' Retirement Plan.

## 500th Retirement Marked By District 65 Members

In the center of the photo at the top of this page are two elderly men, Leon Bauling and John Luding. They have a good deal in common: both are members of New York's District 65, both are retired, and both represent landmarks in their union's Retirement Plan.

Leon Bauling was the first member of '65' to retire, back in April, 1950. Seven years and 499 retirements later, John Luding became the 500th member to join the ranks of the Senior 65ers. On hand to welcome him at a luncheon May 29 attended by hundreds of retired members and guests were union officers and the Most Senior 65er, Leon Bauling.

The luncheon was the culmination of a month of celebration of Senior Citizens Month by the retired unionists. Like every month, it was full of activities, carrying out the Senior 65ers' claim: "We retire from work, but not from life." John Luding, a friendly, vigorous 71 years young, has plunged into a number of the many activities that keep the Seniors busier than they were before they retired.

Last month, for example, there was something doing every day somewhere in the union's 11-story headquarters. Typing and art classes, an outing to Ebbets Field for a baseball game, a workshop to refurbish toys for needy youngsters, a bandage-rolling project which provides dressings for the American Cancer Society, forums and discussions, socials, parties, movies—these are just part of the program.

Even more important than their recreation activities are the things that Senior 65ers do as active union members. The Seniors participate in all phases of union activity, have their own officers and committees, work in every union department, and are represented at '65' conventions, General Council meetings, etc.

Along with this concern for the ways in which retired members spend their time is an equal concern for the bread-and-butter economic problems of retirement. Benefits under the '65' Retirement Plan rank among the highest of all union plans—which is particularly remarkable in view of the relatively low wages prevailing in the union's jurisdiction. Not only do members who retire now receive minimum benefits of \$60 a month at age 65 from the Plan after only 10 years of covered employment; they may also retire at 60, with a minimum pension of \$100 a month from the Plan until they begin receiving Social Security. And, in addition, retired members continue to receive full medical, hospital and insurance coverage at no cost to themselves.

No wonder these retired members are a happy, active group!



John Luding watches Emily Doyle and Rose Nickelsberg roll bandages for cancer patients.



Art class for Seniors 65ers gets once-over from John Luding as he assumes role of critic.

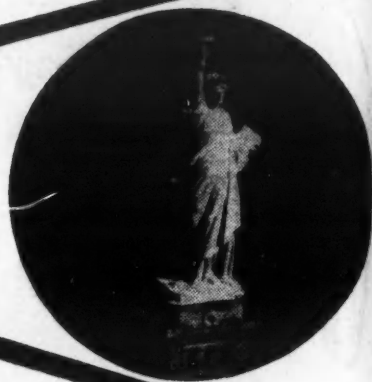


Snack in union-run cafeteria brings together Retirees Murray Weiss, Luding, Israel Rubin.



Typing instruction for John and fellow-retiree Thomas Malcolm is provided by Irene Williams.





## New York, New York — It's a Wonderful (Union) Town

*"New York, New York, a helluva town!  
The Bronx is up but the Battery's down  
And people ride in a hole in the ground—  
New York, New York—it's a helluva town!"*

—from the musical "On the Town"

New York City regularly attracts more vacation visitors than any other spot in the world, and among the millions who come to the great metropolis every year are thousands of members of the RWDSU from all parts of the United States and Canada.

To these members the RWDSU offers an invitation to visit the International Union's headquarters right off Times Square, as well as the opportunity to visit one or more of the fine headquarters maintained by locals of the RWDSU in New York City.

Some 60,000 members of RWDSU work and live in the Greater New York area, and it will undoubtedly be a source of pride for visiting members from other cities to know that behind the counters at literally hundreds of the most famous names in retailing — including such giant department stores as Macy's, Gimbels and Bloomingdales—are their fellow RWDSU members.

There are many interesting "special events" awaiting visitors to New York City this summer. The New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, the civic organization which acquaints millions of people with the summertime attractions of the world's greatest vacation city, reports that although New York is one of the world's most modern cities, attractions there this summer will span the centuries.

Foremost object of interest for most visitors will be the full-scale replica of the Pilgrim ship Mayflower II on exhibit at the Hudson River Dayline Pier, accompanied by an exposition of educational and historical interest on the pier. Twentieth century culture will be represented by a comprehensive showing of the works of the great modern artist, Pablo Picasso at the Museum of Modern Art. Admirers of the mid-nineteenth century era will be enchanted by a special exhibit of the works of Currier and Ives at the Museum of the City of New York.

In addition to the regular Broadway dramatic and musical shows,

there will be concerts under the stars in Lewisohn Stadium, Broadway musicals presented in Central Park, free Shakespeare readings in public parks throughout the city; a production of "Show Boat" in the Marine Stadium at Jones Beach; free outdoor art shows around Washington Square in Greenwich Village; and an International Festival of Children's Films at the Museum of the City of New York.

For sports fans, New York's three major league ball teams, four race tracks and three polo clubs provide plenty of excitement throughout the season, and for those who like to fish, swim, and boat the city has many fine beaches.

There will be a new attraction on Coney Island this summer, opening just in time to entertain Summer Festival visitors. The New York Aquarium, in temporary quarters at the Bronx Zoo since 1941, will be opened at Coney Island early in June.

In addition to the special summertime attractions, visitors will find wonderful sightseeing opportunities throughout the city, many of them free or at little cost. A nickel ride on the Staten Island Ferry, a walk through Rockefeller Center, a trip to the observation roof of the Empire State Building, a stroll through Times Square at night, a visit to the United Nations, a sightseeing boat or bus tour—any one of these makes for inexpensive sightseeing.

With so many things to do in New York during the summer vacation season, the average visitor has need of some help in planning his vacation time. The Convention and Visitors Bureau offers a variety of free folders containing helpful information on the city's fine hotels, restaurants and stores, and famous sightseeing attractions. Most popular folder is the Calendar of Events which lists all the attractions scheduled to occur in the city during a three month period. "New York in Summer" is now available—and a free copy may be obtained by writing to the Visitors Bureau, 90 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

*"New York, New York, a visitor's place,  
Where no one lives on account of the pace  
But seven million are screaming for space—  
New York, New York—it's a wonderful place!"*

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## New Book Is Guide to Many Valuable Giveaways

A new Bantam paperback book, "\$1,001 Valuable Things You Can Get Free," by Mort Weisinger, goes a long way toward disproving the old idea that you can't get something for nothing. Below are a few of the 1,001 things you can get, for nothing more than the cost of postage. The only thing that isn't free is the book itself—but that costs only 25 cents. You can buy the book at your newsstand, drugstore or anywhere that paperback books are sold. The Record heartily recommends it to all bargain-hunters.

**BETTER GOLF GUIDE**—Whether you shoot in the low nineties or don't know the difference between a subliminal and a mashie, you'll want this valuable "Better Golf Guide." Contains hints on golf etiquette, defines various scoring methods, gives a digest of the most important golf rules. Also carries score card pages. A free copy will be sent if you write to: True Temper Corp., 1833 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

**BONANZA FOR BIKE-OWNERS**—Do you know how to have more fun with your bike? Learn how to make a bike stand, a bike trailer, and a bike float. Learn, too, how you can form a bike club and get free colored felt emblems for each member, with information about tours, races, and camping trips. Above all, learn how to ride safely so that you can more completely enjoy bicycling—the healthful sport recommended for everyone by the famous heart specialist, Dr. Dudley White. Send a postcard today for your free copy of "Fun with Your Bike Book," a fine, illustrated 36-page manual. Write to: Carlisle Tire & Rubber Division, Dept. VFF, Carlisle, Pa.

**FREE WATER SKIING LESSONS**—If you've ever thrilled to the excitement of speed—if you enjoy the exhilarating combination of sun, spray, and water—if you have a venturesome nature that is looking for a new outlet—then you're a potential water skier!

No longer, a sport reserved for daredevils, water skiing has been developed to the point where the average family can enjoy it. A definitive, illustrated manual tells you the equipment required for this exciting sport, how to attach tow lines, tricks you can perform, how to aquaplane, etc. The title is: "The How To Book of Water Skiing." For your free copy, write to: Evinrude Motors, Milwaukee 16, Wis.

**FREE PARTY GAME BOOK**—Here's a valuable free booklet which suggests a variety of entertaining indoor games for youngsters, for teen-agers, for adults. Families that play games together are happy families. For an introduction to this game of parlor tricks and treats, write for "Family Party Booklet," sending your request to: Parker Brothers, Inc., Department 255, Salem, Mass.

**FREE MONEY**—Here's a fantastic offer that's as good as gold for all interested in this glamorous hobby of numismatics—that's coin collecting. A famous numismatic company will send you, absolutely free, a foreign coin and a foreign banknote. In addition, they will send you a large coin collector's list, with approvals and literature about this exciting hobby. To take advantage of this free money offer, send your name and address and a 3c stamp for postage to Tatham Coin Company, Springfield 12, Mass.

**FREE STAMPS**—You can also enter the wonderful world of philately—or stamp collecting—by taking advantage of Tatham's marvelous offer for beginning stamp collectors. Send them your name and address, and a 3c stamp to cover postage, and they will send you, free, 100 different stamps of the world, with approvals and literature. Write to: Tatham Stamp Company, Springfield 12, Mass.

**HANDBOOK FOR SKIN DIVERS**—Learn how to participate in that new, exciting aquatic sport, skin diving! This valuable manual practically tells you how to swim into Davy Jones's locker with the aid of a face mask, snorkel, and swim fins. Contains many useful hints prepared by expert skin divers; also tells how you can become a successful spearfisherman. You can get your free copy of "Handbook for Skin Divers" by writing to: Jantzen Skin Diving Advisory Council, Jantzen, Inc., Portland 8, Oregon.

**FREE TRAVEL GAMES**—If you're planning a trip it's the family bus with the children, more important than goodies are games to keep them out of mischief. You can make the miles vanish in a twinkling by equipping your youngsters with a copy of "Ford Travel Games," a collection of 30 games which can be played in an automobile. Young and old can participate in these four-wheel pastimes, some of which are: License Plates, Vehicles, Nature Contest, Farm Animals, Highway Contest, etc. You can get a free copy by writing to: Information Section, Ford Motor Company, 3000 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Mich.



**FUN IN FLORIDA**—If you're contemplating a winter vacation in Florida but don't think your budget can stand the trip, there's a free 36-page color booklet available which gives you a border-to-border array of Florida's fabulous facilities, and tells you where to find the prices which make your vacation dollar a-t-r-a-c-t-i-v-e. For your copy of "Florida," write to: State of Florida, 1406-M Commission Bldg., Tallahassee, Fla.

**FISHERMAN'S PARADISE**—No matter which is your favorite—flashing speckled trout in the swift Laurentian rivers, salmon in the Gaspé's beautiful streams, or lake trout, bass, ostananiche, maskanonge, pickerel—you can find it in La Province de Quebec.

For free road maps and booklets on Quebec's

Provincial Parks, write to: Provincial Publicity Bureau, Parliament Buildings, Quebec City, Canada.

**FREE BROADWAY SHOWS**—If you plan to visit New York City, did you know that there are several theaters which offer first-rate dramatic plays—free? Well-known actors perform on these stages, sometimes the show you see is a revival of a famous hit; or it may be the tryout of some new playwright's work. There is no admission charge for a seat in these theaters, but the theater manager won't discourage you from making a token contribution if you liked the play.

These free theaters are: Davenport Theater; Current Stages; Amato Opera Theater; Originals Only; Greenwich Mews Theater.

**FOR YOUR MEDICINE CHEST**—You'll be better equipped to handle all medical emergencies with this handy save-a-life chart, "First Aid for the Family," which you can paste up in your medicine chest. Gives expert advice on what to do until the doctor comes when a member of the family suffers from asphyxiation, animal bites, bleeding, burns, choking, electric shock, poisoning, etc. For your free chart, write to: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 1 Madison Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

**FREE PETS FOR THE ASKING**—You and your family can acquire a lovable pup—from a police dog to a Pekie—for free!

Two agencies, the Animal Humane League and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, stand ready to give you a healthy pup, or a fully-grown dog, in the pink of physical condition. There's no charge, but you do have to buy a license, which varies in cost, state by state.

In New York City, for example, you will find one of the busiest S.P.C.A.'s offers free dogs for adoption. Here is the way to go about getting one, and this procedure is fairly typical of the S.P.C.A. branches in other cities.

1. You call or write saying you want to adopt a dog.
  2. They will investigate to see if the dog will have a good home.
- If they think he will—the dog is yours. Also, the S.P.C.A. gives away free S-shaped rings which you fasten to the dog's collar for the leash. The New York S.P.C.A. is at 441 East 91 St., New York 28, N.Y.

For the nearest dog adoption service check your telephone directory (City), Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or contact the National Animal Humane League, Denver, Colorado.

And, cat lovers, do not despair. The same S.P.C.A.'s can provide you with a kitten or a cat, which you can adopt, free of charge.



**BIRDS, TOSSUMS, GOATS, TOO**—Want a parakeet, possum, snake, alligator, goat, monkey, raccoon, turtle, chicken, dove, pheasant, woodpecker, hawk, porcupine? Well, from time to time, the S.P.C.A.'s have those representatives of the animal kingdom up for adoption. Of course, if you're a city dweller, it wouldn't be so easy to keep a goat, or a raccoon, perhaps. But you can dream about it anyway.

**FREE PARAKEET BOOK**—The parakeet pet craze is sweeping the country. If you want to know how to select, care, breed, and train one of these birds, the R.T. French Company has prepared a beautiful 32-page book which not only spells out all these parakeet points but includes more than 40 illustrations and shows 18 birds in full color. To obtain this free book, "Parakeets Are Fun," send 15 cents in coins for mailing costs to: The R.T. French Co., 2713 Mustard St., Rochester 9, N.Y.

**HOW TO RAISE TROPICAL FISH**—Those who might like the relaxing fun of raising and caring for tropical fish will find a host of wonderful pointers in the free booklet, "Tropical Aquarium Fish." This brochure goes into the factors which make for the perfect home aquarium: food, temperature of water, and other considerations. Learn how to maintain a marine wonderland in your living room by writing for this free booklet, "Tropical Aquarium Fish" 25 A-1, available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chicago, Ill.

**FREE DOG BISCUITS**—For a treat for Rover, there's nothing like a first-rate dog biscuit. For your free supply, write to: National Biscuit Company, Milk-Bone Bakery, 446 E. 10th St., New York 9, N.Y. And while you're at it, ask for a copy of their free informative booklet, "How to Care For and Feed Your Dog."

**BLUEPRINTS FOR MAKING PAVEMENTS**—A free manual with tips on making your own pavements, concrete outdoor fireplaces, and the like is yours free from the Portland Cement Association, 33 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 10, Ill. It's called "Concrete Improvements Around the Home" and it shows you, step by step, that it can be as easy as pie—mud pie, of course.

**BUILDING THAT SUMMER RETREAT**—Free at-

chitect's plans on building your own summer vacation hideaway are offered by the Home Service Bureau, Masonite Corporation, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Included is a simplified construction schedule which begins with the pouring of concrete after site preparation and ends with the erection of rafters and gable end finish. Also tells how you can save time by using panels of Masonite Prestwood you have pre-built at home. The plans combine simple utility with beauty.

**FREE TREE SEEDS**—Free seeds for ming trees, plus a booklet on how to plant them and how to get into the prosperous business are yours if you write to: Dept. PA-1, National Nurseries Gardens, 8463 So. Van Ness Ave., Ingewood 4, Calif.

**FREE SUMMER MENUS**—Here's a palate-whetting roundup of hot weather favorites, ideal for a barbecue in the backyard or an early evening get-together on the side porch. Cold summer soups, cool dairy campers, and fast-trust souffle salads. These delicious Arctic recipes have been prepared for you by the famous Nancy Holmes, Director of Home Economics for Hellman's Real Mayonnaise. For a free copy of "Cool Cooking," write to: The Best Foods, Inc., 1 East 43 St., New York 17, N.Y.

**PREPARING FOR PARENTHOOD**—The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, one of the country's largest publishers of free material, offers a "basic course" for prospective parents, which is free. Called "Preparing for Parenthood," it is based on questions asked most often by future mothers and fathers. For free copy write to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 1 Madison Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

**NAMING THE BABY**—If you're up in the air as to what to name your future pride and joy, you can receive a free booklet, "What Shall I Name My Baby?" which contains an alphabetical list of hundreds of suggested names for boys and girls. For your copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Leading Lady Foundations, Inc., Box 1959, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

**FREE CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE**—A veteran's most valuable possession is his certificate of discharge; without it eligibility for various benefits cannot be established. If your original certificate of discharge has been lost or destroyed, you can obtain a new copy free from Uncle Sam. Your request will be promptly filled if you furnish complete identifying information: date of entry into service; date of discharge; unit in which you served; your name, rank, and serial number. Army veterans should write to: Military Personnel Records Center, AGO, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis 20, Mo. Navy veterans should write to: Bureau of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy, Washington 25, D.C.

**FREE ACRES OF LAND**—A grateful Uncle Sam is willing to reward all veterans who have earned an honorable discharge with choice free land. Qualified ex-GIs are invited to stake a claim on public land still available in western and southern regions of the United States and in Alaska, including timber lands, mineral lands, grazing lands, and irrigable timber lands. You may lease from 5 to 320 acres for home, summer retreat, recreation site, business, etc. A filing fee of \$5 is required for less than \$1 acres; over \$1 acres, \$10. For a list of lands still available, write to: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington 25, D.C. Since every now and then our national forests permit homesteading, also write to: Forestry Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

**FREE FORESTRY MAP**—Would-be forest rangers and just plain nature lovers will go for another unusual governmental giveaway, "Forest Regions of the United States," 11 1/2" by 20", colored, and you can obtain a free copy by asking for Publication 16-514 from: Division of Publications, Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.



**FREE SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES**—The majestic, official Seal of the United States is an impressive sight. An authentic reproduction of this design, in full color, together with information about its history, is available free for your wall or desk. Send request to: Department of State, U.S.A., Washington 25, D.C.

**FOR YOUR RUMPUSS ROOM**—A handsome, gilt-edged certificate, certifying that you have completed a do-it-yourself project and are eligible for a "master's degree as a Professor of Proficiency" is yours for the asking—and is guaranteed to arouse a chuckle from friends when hung over your rumpus room bar or TV set. Has room to fill your name in, the type of how-to-do-it project you have completed, and lists four rib-tickling

privileges. For your free copy, send a stamped (4c) self-addressed long envelope to: Tucson Merchandise Mart, 230 North 4th Ave., Tucson, Ariz.

**FREE ART SPECIAL**—For that bare spot on your living room wall, here's an artistic treat to brighten up the home—a reproduction in full color of a fine impressionistic painting by the talented artist, David Stone Martin. It's 10" by 30", and suitable for framing. This modern masterpiece is yours if you write to: Security Mutual Life Insurance Company, 66 Exchange St., Binghamton, N.Y.

**FREE UN "HUMAN RIGHTS" DOCUMENT**—You can obtain free single copies of the famed UN "Human Rights" document by writing to the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, Department of State, Washington 25, D.C.

This agency will also provide you with posters and wall charts which promote UN good will.

**FREE MOVING KIT**—United Van Lines makes your moving easier with a new, free Pre-Planning Kit. It contains carton stickers, removal notices, useful ideas on packing, etc. No obligation; send for your kit to: United Van Lines, Inc., Dept. V, St. Louis 17, Mo.



**FREE KIDDIE TOY**—The children will love this toy mobile cutout, which uses animated birds to teach them the good habits that mean good health. A real novelty to keep them happily occupied on a rainy day. For the free portfolio, "Reminder Birds," write to: Duo-Therm, Division of Motor Wheel Corp., Lansing 3, Mich.

**FREE CALORIE COUNTER FOR YOUR WALLET**—If you can't remember which is less fattening, peanuts of pecans, beets or broccoli, you'll want to own this card-sized calorie value chart which tells you exactly how many calories there are in the hundred most popular foods, and fits snugly inside your wallet. Table is based on official counts supplied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For one of these free charts, write to: SUCARYL, Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill.

**FREE WINE SELECTOR**—Next time you throw a dinner party, be prepared to play the perfect host by knowing the right wines for fish, fowl, or red meats. Your party will make a hit if you consult that gourmet's gimmick, the handy "Wine Selector." For one of these handsome dining-and-wining guides, write to: Wine Advisory Board, Department MW, 717 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

**FREE COLLEGE COST CHART**—Here's an invaluable guide for all family heads planning their son's scholastic budget. It's a complete list of America's 175 leading colleges and universities which breaks down the cost of four years' tuition at each institution. Schools represented range from Akron University to Yale. Chart also lists number of students enrolled at each school. For your free copy of "The Cost of Four Years at College," write to: New York Life Insurance Company, 51 Madison Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

**FREE FISHING CALENDAR**—Every rodman worth his bait will want to own this clever wallet-sized, four-color calendar which tells you at a moment's glance which days of the year are "best," "good," or "fair" for fishing. Its long-range predictions are based on Joe Godfrey's famous fishing almanac. For this free fishing calendar, all anglers are invited to write to: Shakespeare Company, 241 East Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.

**BIG GAME BOOK**—Here's one of the most comprehensive books on card games ever written! A treasury of 156 card games, old and new, you can play with a deck of cards. You'll find them all in the fact-cramped, 256-page book, "Official Rules of Card Games."

To obtain this jumbo game book, you must send 25 cents in coin to cover cost of mailing and handling, with your name and address, to: Dept. O-1, The United States Playing Card Co., Cincinnati 12, Ohio.

**FREE RETIREMENT TIPS**—Thinking of retiring? Many people consider Florida, which offers mild climate, healthful sunshine, new interests, easy living on modest incomes. For a definitive booklet on Florida retirement, and the opportunities that state offers, write to: State of Florida, 1406-M Commission Bldg., Tallahassee, Fla.

**COLOR FUN FOR KIDS**—If you're looking for something to keep the youngsters out of mischief on a rainy day, send for this roundup of color tricks they can do all by themselves. Tells how they can dye chicken feathers into several brilliant shades for an Indian headdress... how they can make gaily colored jump ropes out of an ordinary clothesline... how they can make stocking dolls out of Day's socks dyed in All Purpose Rit. Ask for free booklet, "32 Ways to Make Merry with Color." Write to: Best Foods, Inc., 1 East 43rd St., New York 17, N.Y.



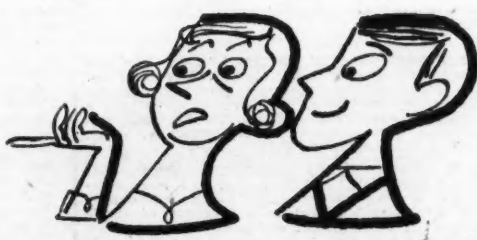
# Cracking the Code



Translation: "I was too busy to buy any groceries, so I made a casserole."



Translation: "Flatter me, and try to sound sincere about it."



Record drawing by Marjorie Glaubach

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## Free Bagels in Contract

ALBANY, N. Y.—The State Department of Labor, after analyzing thousands of union contracts operating in New York State, concluded that the era of odd and unusual fringe benefits is just starting. For example, union bagel bakers have it written into their collective bargaining agreements that they can take home two dozen bagels each night "on the house." A union brewery workers' contract specifies that its members are entitled to drink as much free beer as they want—during set periods of the working day. A Painters' Union contract requires the boss not only to give his employees the day off with pay on their birthdays but to add a \$5 bill as a gift as well. An IAM agreement provides that members quarantined at home because of mumps, measles or other contagious disease in the family can collect full pay for the absent days.

## Questions Asked But Once

"As long as you find blondes so darned intriguing, I wonder why you didn't marry one?"

"Are you putting on some weight or are you just wearing your old girdle?"

"When I use your razor, honey, should I change the blade?"

"How come the hat check girl and the head waiter know your name if you've never been here before?"

"I can't find the rubbing alcohol, darling. Do you mind if I use some of your bonded bourbon?"

"Oh, are you married?"

"Are you sure you didn't leave any fingerprints?"

"Officer, can you tell me where I go to apologize for shooting my husband?"—Ben Cassell.

## Prime Beef for Waitresses?

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The State Unemployment Compensation Board of Review has ruled that it is not "willful misconduct" for a cook to serve choice roast prime ribs of beef to the waitresses. The ruling came in the case of Douglas N. Fisher, an \$85-a-week cook employed by the Potato City Hotel, Coudersport, Pa.

The waitresses, according to testimony, "were usually served ham or chicken but the cook had been told by the manager that he could serve the prime ribs of beef at his discretion." Came one evening when Fisher did exactly that. Too much of the expensive beef had been cooked in advance and the cook felt it would lose its flavor if it were kept in the refrigerator. So the waitresses got it. In practically no time at all the manager blew his top and mid-

way in the resulting hassle Fisher was fired and he was informed that his employer, the Potato City Hotel, opposed his application for unemployment insurance.

The Unemployment Compensation Bureau ruled that Fisher was guilty of willful misconduct but the Board of Review declared in effect, "No such thing! In giving the waitresses a taste of the better things in life Fisher may have made 'an error in judgment' but did not commit 'willful misconduct' and therefore he's entitled to unemployment benefits, no matter what the Potato City Hotel says."

I thought I saw a Martian once.  
Arrived from outer space.  
And it was such a startling sight  
I screamed, and fled the place.

The creature's head I barely saw,  
Beneath its helmet gleaming,  
And with antennae, wires and such.  
No wonder I ran screaming.

But I crept back, and must admit,  
Or else I'd be a liar,  
My wife was in a beauty parlor,  
Her head beneath the drier.

—Richard Armour

For fixing things around the house, nothing beats a man who's handy with a checkbook.

**Across**

1. 5: Administration policy making loans more expensive
10. Speaker
13. Seed
14. Heat up again
15. Rage (sp.)
16. Crossed
17. Parent
19. Patriotic group (int.)
20. Deprive of freedom
22. Radium discoverer
28. — faire
30. Jittery (2 wds.)
32. Subtaneous
33. Trades again
35. Approaches
36. Consecrate again
38. Parts (abbr.)
41. Sky (in Paris)
42. Theo. Roosevelt Ass'n. (init.)
45. Expect
47. Sure
50. Analyze
51. Business system
52. Questioned
53. Mice

**Down**

1. Stew
2. Communications combine (init.)
3. Fish eggs
4. Liquid measures
5. Brethren
6. Cells
7. Lumps
8. Charles Lamb
9. Period of time
10. Raw metal
11. Soak
12. Tiny
13. Mrs.
14. Duck
21. Disregarded
22. Mr. Refauser
23. Exclamation (Br.)
24. One (L.)
25. — public (the state)
27. Depot (abbr.)
28. Always (post.)
29. Pennyp. Santa (abbr.)
31. River flowing into N. Sea
34. Cut
37. Vote into office
38. Like No. 17
39. Across
40. Shift
42. N.M. art center
43. Edge
44. Some
46. Franch. exerc.
48. Vive le
49. Dynamite

**MAC AN' TOSH**

WHAT ARE YOU GRUMBLING ABOUT?

THE COST OF LIVING IS GETTING OUT OF HAND !!!

SOME THING THAT COST \$10.00 A FEW YEARS AGO ...

NOW COSTS \$15.29 JUST TO GET IT FIXED.



**LUCKY JACK WEBB:** He finds himself playing opposite pretty Jackie Loughery, who has the role of his girl friend Anne, in Warner's new movie, The D. I.

**PEGGY**

THEY CLAIM I HAVE A VERY HIGH IQ FOR MY AGE!

REALLY? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT MEANS MY HEAD IS FULL OF GRAY MATTER!

NO BRAINS?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MISS LORNA!

OOH, CANDY! THANK YOU, HUNK!

A PRESENT FROM YOU, TOO, JABBER? I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT IS!

**CALORIE CHART**

175
450
300
275

## Cross-Word Answer

STILT	85	SEDS
ASKED	58	TITS
PARSE	1	ECONOMY
AVAIL	1	CERTAIN
PTS	1	CEIL
RELESS	1	SS
RELESS	1	NEARS
RELESS	1	MATTER
ONDE	1	LAISSE
CURIE	1	ENSLAVE
GAR	1	MAMA
RESTAM	1	RABIA
ORATORS	1	OVULE
HARD	1	MONEY



# TICKET

## to vacationland

In the spring, says the poet, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. And just about this time of year, RWDSU members' thoughts are turning to the seashore, the mountains or a cabin by a woodland lake. The summer vacation period is nearing, and it's time to begin shopping for bathing suits, sunburn lotion, fishing tackle and other fun-time gear.

But while we're thinking about these important things, let's give a thought too to the days, not so long ago, when vacations were something enjoyed only by school kids and civil service employees. In those unlamented days before unions, layoffs were the only vacations (without pay) that millions of workers ever knew.

Things are different now. And they're better—even though some short-sighted employers may look back longingly and yearn for the "good old days." By that they mean the days when there were no unions with their paid vacations and paid holidays and job security and welfare benefits and pension plans and all the rest.

But for 16 million American union members and their families, these things are a way of life—and nobody's ever going to take them away. On the contrary, we've all got a lot of ideas about additional things we'd like to get. Things like higher wages and a shorter work week and a third, fourth or even a fifth week's vacation.



The funny thing is—all these are possible. We can win them, just as we won paid vacations. The way to win them is: **ORGANIZE!** The more members each of us helps bring in to our union, the better our chances for winning the things we want.

So, if you still have a few days before you leave on your vacation, how about speaking to that friend, relative or neighbor? How about reminding them that joining the union can do as much for them as it did for you. You'll enjoy your vacation much, much more if you sign up a prospective union member before you go.